

NATURAL AND CULTURAL PROTECTED HERITAGE AND ITS ADMINISTRATION PROBLEMS IN LITHUANIA

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Purpose – The aim of this research is to identify which characteristics of the theoretical public governance models, are found in the governance of protected heritage in Lithuania, and to provide an overview of the distribution of functions between public institutions which are responsible for the protection of the heritage.

Design/methodology/approach – the research is based on qualitative research, which helps to identify and define the problems of protected heritage governance in Lithuania. The respondents were Lithuanian employees working in different public organizations, associated with protected heritage. Scientific literature analysis, comparative and summarization methods are used during the research to better understanding of the issue.

Findings – Lithuanian protected heritage policy is still having some features of traditional public governance model. Though, it is possible to observe single steps towards “bottom-to-top” models, which are applied in economically developed countries on a global scale. On the basis of survey results, Lithuanian protected heritage system needs some changes.

Research limitations/implications – There is an apparent need for a more detailed research and discussions on the subject analysed, comparing with an international practice. Furthermore, the research results may lack empirical evidences and generalizability. This could be done in further researches.

Practical implications – The research pays attention to the functions of the public institutions responsible for the protection of the heritage in Lithuania.

Originality/Value – Only a few authors have analyzed some aspects protected heritage administration and there is still a lack of academic insights into this field. This paper will contribute to future research on similar topics.



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